

Project Cost Estimating (PCES) Training for Localities

VDOT has provided direct access to our Project Cost Estimating System (PCES) to localities administering VDOT projects. The system was developed by VDOT to ensure more accurate estimates could be developed for projects, particularly in the early stages of project development. The first round of PCES training was provided, with much success, to localities in the fall of 2005. To ensure localities administering projects are familiar with and can utilize the system, we are again offering PCES training for localities this summer.

Training for localities is scheduled for the following district locations and dates (all locality sessions are from 1 to 4 pm-similar sessions for VDOT personnel will be held in the morning from 9 to 12):

Fredericksburg District – May 11th
Hampton Roads – May 22nd
Salem District – June 7th & June 8th
Bristol District – June 12th
Lynchburg District – June 22nd
Staunton District – July 11th
NOVA District – July 25th
Richmond District – August 10th
Culpeper District – August 22nd

The training will provide access to and hands on training with the system (PCES). You will also be provided instructions to help you get a password to enter the system and receive guidance on preparing estimates. Localities administering projects utilize the system (PCES) to populate and update cost estimates for locally administered projects included in VDOT's Six Year Improvement Program and Secondary Six Year Plans. Similar to what is required for VDOT projects, estimates for locally administered projects should be provided when the project is initiated and updated quarterly to ensure sufficient funding is programmed, federal obligations can be updated as needed and ensure accurate bid comparisons.

In order to participate in the training, you need a locality based email account that includes your name. For security reasons, access will not be granted to individuals with generic email accounts (i.e. townmanager@city.com). To register for a training session or to inquire about an upcoming sessions, please contact Sanitta Peay-Robinson by phone (804) 786-2746 or by email at Sanitta.PeayRobinson@VDOT.virginia.gov. We ask that you register at least three weeks prior to your preferred scheduled training date or by May 5, 2006 for the Fredericksburg District training. All requests will be granted on a first come, first serve basis. The need for additional training will be assessed based on demand.